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SUBJECT: EMBASSY TRAVEL - OCTOBER, 1977

REF: (A) MOSCOW 15085, (B) MOSCOW 15405

1. EMBASSY TRAVEL STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER ARE AS FOLLOWS:

REQUESTS: 32
DESTINATIONS: 36
TRAVELERS: 53
SELF-CANCELLED: 0
REFUSED/ALTERED: 2
EXCEPTIONS GRANTED: 1

- 2. REFUSAL: MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND BENSON (P&C COUNSELOR, POL) WERE DENIED A CLOSED AREA EXCEPTION TO VISIT MELIKHOVO ON OCTOBER 23. MELIKHOVO, THE SITE OF CHEKHOV'S ESTATE, IS LOCATED TO THE SOUTH OF MOSCOW, JUST INSIDE THE CLOSED AREA.
- 3. ALTERATION: MR. AND MRS. ROBERT HALL (C&R, ECON) WERE DENIED PERMISSION TO TRAVEL BY TRAIN FROM TASHKENT TO SAMARKAND AND BUKHARA OCTOBER 17-19. AT MFA'S SUGGESTION, THEY MADE THE TRIP BY AIR. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. SOVIET RETALIATION: MFA HAS BEGUN A POLICY OF SELECTIVE RETALIATION AGAINST THE EMBASSY'S STRICT APPLICATION OF THE 21-DAY REQUIREMENT FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TRANSIT VISAS. THUS FAR, ONE EXIT AND ONE ENTRY APPLICATION HAVE BEEN HELD UP FOR 21 DAYS (SEE REF B).

5. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON RETALIATION.
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